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Remarks

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated September 5, 2006, the applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I claims, *i.e.* claims 1-5, 7, 9, 12, 14-19 and 24, drawn to an isolated polypeptide and an isolated nucleic acid encoding that polypeptide.

Claims 1-7, 9-19, 21 and 24 were pending in the subject application. By this Preliminary Amendment and in response to the Restriction Requirement, the applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21 and 24. The applicants have further withdrawn claims 6, 10, 13 and 21 as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 12, 14-19, and 24 are before the examiner for prosecution. Favorable review is respectfully requested

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 19-0065.

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